

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, paragraph 2:

The ultrasonic probe is used for transmitting and receiving ultrasonic waves when by contacting to a patient, for ultrasonic diagnosis. The ultrasonic probe houses a transceiver unit such as an ultrasonic transducer array in an enclosure made of plastics. The enclosure has an opening at a tip for transmitting and receiving ultrasonic waves, from which opening the transmission/reception surface of the transceiver unit is exposed-(see for example the patent reference 1 below).

At page 1, paragraph 4:

An ultrasonic probe having a structure as described above includes, at the end surface of transmitting and receiving ultrasonic waves, a joint between the transceiver unit and the enclosure, and the enclosure side is made of hard plastics with the joint being as a boundary. The hard plastics are pressed to the patient's body, ~~foreibly~~ imposing a burden to the patient.

At page 3, paragraph 13:

Figure 2 is a schematic diagram of ~~appearance of~~ an ultrasonic probe.

At page 4, paragraph 20:

The transceiver unit 202 is connected to a diagnosis information generation unit 204. The diagnosis information generation unit 204 is input with received echo signals through the transceiver unit 202 and generates diagnosis information based on ~~thus~~ the received echo signals.